GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1721
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CLOSURE OF KUDREMUKH IRON ORE COMPANY
Madhwaraj Smt. Manorama

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, a public sector enterprise, has ceased to be in operation due to Apex Court's directives regarding environmental concerns; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide order dated 30.10.2002 in I.A. No. 670 of 2001, directed that mining by Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) should be allowed till the end of 2005. The said I.A. was filed by Shri K.M. Chinnappa on account of environmental concerns, seeking directions from the Hon'ble Court, inter-alia, for stopping of the mining activities by KIOCL.